

December 18, 2012

Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The mission of Innovate Mississippi is to drive innovation and technology-based economic development for the State of Mississippi through strong, fully integrated technological, educational, and industrial sectors so that Mississippians can enjoy better paying jobs and a more stable, diverse and competitive economy.

These goals, I know, are consistent with the results that the FCC wants for American broadband, with an emphasis on incentivizing investment in wireless networks. The Telecommunications Industry Association has recently reported that every \$10 billion of capital investment in wireless infrastructure creates 100,000 American jobs. Another review showed that the wireless industry accounted for \$33 billion in productivity improvements for American businesses...and wireless broadband is projected to account for almost \$1.5 trillion in increased productivity over the next decade. Without question, an investment in new broadband opportunities and the expansion of existing broadband is good for the Mississippi economy and the American economy alike.

The FCC has the opportunity to increase competition as well as mobile broadband spectrum supply in the marketplace, through LightSquared's application to share spectrum with the federal government. Given the Government Accountability Office's own numbers which indicate that, at any given time, federal spectrum is used only intermittently, this proposal introduces efficiently to a current inefficient use of a limited resource. LightSquared is committed to protecting federal operations, and, in a time when the demand for spectrum outweighs the supply, there is no reason not to allow LightSquared to share spectrum with NOAA.

Sincerely.

Tony Jeff

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